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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Karl-Albert TURBAN  
A NETWORK NODE FOR SWITCHING DIGITAL INFORMATION OF  
DIFFERENT PROTOCOL TYPES  
Our Ref. Q61986

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 12 sheets of the specification, claims, 1 sheets of formal drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is the Preliminary Amendment.

**PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE  
CALCULATING THE FEE**

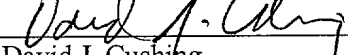
The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	5 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	2 - 3	=		x	\$80.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee							\$710.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>							<b>\$710.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment							\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>							<b>\$750.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$710.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from December 11, 1999 based on German Application No. 19959918.1. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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